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MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

FROM: Assistant General Counsel

The following is an excerpt from the Secretary of State's press conference of 25 February 1949.

"Another important part of the staff work directly responsible to the Secretary is the intelligence group, the research and intelligence group. There has been, I think, some misunderstanding in the press about the Hoover Report on that. The Hoover Report is taken as being critical of that work. That interpretation, I think, was certainly not intended. It was rather intended to be critical of the fact that the work of that organization was not receiving sufficient attention, and what this Report recommends, in Recommendation 18, is that the intelligence group should be kept as the centralized staff unit reporting to the Secretary; that it should have advisers in each of the operating groups so that it can serve them to the best of its ability, and that it should be the principal agency through which the State Department keeps in contact with the Central Intelligence Agency and various other gatherers of intelligence throughout the Government. We are already putting these recommendations into effect through Mr. Armstrong, whom I have asked some weeks ago to stay and head up this work, and I think that it is already successfully on its way to implementation."

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cc: Chief, ICAPS ✓  
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